



NEWS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
PRODUCTION AND MARKETING ADMINISTRATION

Notes

May 7, 1953

The U. S. Department of Agriculture's estimates show that exports of wheat and wheat products in March 1953 were the largest for any month since May 1952. The March exports were the equivalent of about 37 million bushels of wheat. The wheat exports for the period from July 1952 through March 1953 were considerably less, however, than for the same period a year earlier.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture is continuing to buy beef for Greece and for the National School Lunch Program. Total purchases through May 2, 1953 amounted to about 3,170,000 pounds for shipment to Greece and 798,000 pounds for distribution to schools.

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The Production and Marketing Administration has announced that farmers may extend their loans on 1952 crop oats and corn for another year. Storage payments for the extended period will be made if the commodity is delivered to the Commodity Credit Corporation to satisfy the loan.

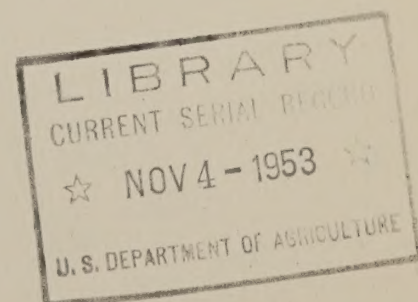
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100 million pounds of the non-fat dry milk solids that the U. S. Department of Agriculture has bought under the Dairy Price Support Program has been made available for donation to certain groups such as schools and welfare groups.

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County PMA Committees are assembling data with regard to wheat acreages for use if wheat acreage allotments are necessary for 1954.

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With a record supply of wheat in prospect Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson has called on farmers and warehousemen to get ready now for the serious storage problem that lies ahead.

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The "resealing" programs of the Commodity Credit Corporation under which farmers can extend their 1952 crop corn and oat loans for another year, are aimed at relieving the pressure on transportation and off-farm storage facilities and at keeping corn and oats on farms where the great bulk of these grains will be used for feed.

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Approximately 48,000 farm operators and owners have taken out insurance with the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to protect themselves against crop losses in 1953. This insurance protects them against crop failure from natural causes such as drouth, hail, flood, etc.

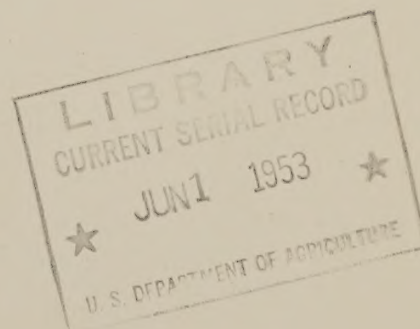
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The U. S. Department of Agriculture urges farmers to order their supplies of pesticides early so that dealers will have time to get the supplies to points where they will be quickly available.

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Over 97 percent of the farmers in North Dakota have indicated their intentions of participating in the 1953 Agricultural Conservation Program.

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This is to advise that the weekly release, "PMA News Notes", which we have forwarded to the newspapers within the State is being discontinued.

We hope that the furnishing of this material has been of some value to you.

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